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Public Service Announcement

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To: News & Gardening Editors/ Festival Partners

From: Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD)

SUBJECT: ELK GROVE HARVEST FESTIVAL SCARECROW & PRODUCE CONTESTS

Elk Grove, CA – Green thumbs and garden artists are invited to enter contests held at Elk Grove's premier family festival, the 9th Annual Elk Grove Community Harvest Festival. Entry forms are now available for the Festival's Scarecrow and Produce Contests, scheduled October 4 & 5 at Elk Grove Regional Park (9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road).

Backyard gardeners with monster squash, tomatoes, zucchini, corn stalks, sunflowers, pumpkins, cantaloupes, and watermelons could win cash and bragging rights at the Festival's produce contest. Winners in the adult and "future farmer" youth categories will take home a share of the more than \$11,000 in cash prizes. Special prize categories include mystery spots and Sacramento County honors. The weigh-off competition is scheduled Saturday morning with awards held on Saturday afternoon.

If garden art is more your game, enter the scarecrow contest. The 2003 contest theme is "Scarecrows Dress as Comic Book Characters & Super Heroes." Contestants are asked to use their creativity to construct a scarecrow that best depicts what scarecrows in comics might look like. Prizes will be awarded in contest's four categories: Youth Open, Youth Group, Teen Open, and Family/Adult Open. "People's Choice" and "Best Theme Scarecrow" awards will also be awarded. More than \$2600 in prize money will be given away. Competitive entries will be judged Saturday during the Festival and prizes will be awarded on Sunday.

For more information on these contests or additional Festival information, log on to the Elk Grove Community Services District web site at www.egcsd.ca.gov. Entry forms are available online or by calling (916) 685-3917. Pre-registration is required for the scarecrow contest.

The 9th Annual Elk Grove Community Harvest Festival is presented by Safeway, Pro-Care Home Health Services, Y92, V101, UPN 31 KMAX, Safe Credit Union, Heritage Community Credit Union and *The Sacramento Bee*.

Courtesy photos available upon request.

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